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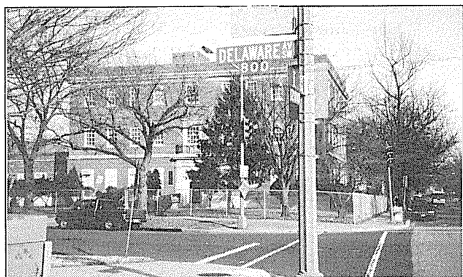
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Southwest Community Health Clinic



At the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly meeting, we were fortunate to have two speakers talk about the merger of DC General Hospital and neighborhood health clinics. Mr. Chuck Brosseau, Administrator of the Community Health Centers and Alphonso Coles,

head of Community Relations for the Hospital and Clinics spoke about D.C. General Hospital and community-based health centers.

The clinic in Southwest is the SW Community Health Clinic. It is located at 850 Delaware Ave., SW. The telephone number is 727-3611. The clinic manager is Janie Williams. The clinic is open Monday - Friday, 8:15 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. The clinic is open to all residents of the District. It accepts Medicaid and Medicare. It uses a sliding fee scale. There is a wheelchair ramp at the rear door as well as an elevator on the first floor. The clinic provides full service. A brief list follows.

Pediatrics, OB/Gyn, General Internal Medicine, Pharmacy, Nutrition, Podiatry, Social Services, HIV Counseling; provides screening and examinations on the following: Athletic Physicals, Sexually Transmitted Disease, High Blood Pressure, Lead

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Welfare Reform

We are all aware that "Welfare as we know it" is radically changing as a result of a new Federal law passed last year. But, specifically, how will it affect the Washington DC community? How can we in Southwest have a positive impact?

The primary objective of the new program is to encourage and assist, in fact require recipients of public assistance and food stamps to achieve self-sufficiency through work in a limited time frame. We can all support this objective. But the realities (e.g. a weak economy in DC, a city government in crisis, major drug abuse) pose great challenges for successful implementation. The city will need to develop more effective job counseling and job training programs. A large increase in day care slots will be required. Major efforts must be undertaken to preserve and encourage family unity and sensible child bearing behavior. There is much work to be done! Please join us to discuss this major initiative and determine what actions we can take.

This matter will be discussed at the monthly SWNA meeting. The date is Monday, February 24, 1997.

SWNA Elections

In accordance with the By-laws of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, elections of new officers will be held in March.

Nominations for office of president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary and district representative are being accepted. Nominees for these positions must be residents of Southwest and over 18 years of age. Procedures for nomination and election of officers were reported at the January Assembly meeting. At the February meeting of the Assembly, the nominating committee will report the names, addresses and offices of any candidates sought, at which time nominations from the floor will be accepted, with the consent of the person nominated.

Officers will be voted upon at large while district representatives will be voted upon by the residents of their districts. Each district has three representatives with the exception of district 2 which has two. Following is a breakdown of the districts for nominating and voting purposes:

District 1: North of M street and west of 4th Street. Addresses includes the Marina, Marina View Towers (1100 6th Street and 1000 6th Street), Waterside Towers (901, 905 and 907 6th Streets), Town Square Towers (700 7th Street) and the Commons.

District 2: North of M Street and east of Delaware Avenue and Canal Street and South Capital Street. Addresses include 1001 and 1101 3rd Street, 800 4th Street, Capitol Park Townhouses, 301 G Street, 101-103 G Streets, 201 Eye Street, and Greenleaf Annex (north of M Street).

District 3: South of M Street and west of Delaware Avenue and Canal Street and south to the Anacostia. Addresses include Harbor Square, Tiber Island, Edgewater, Riverside, Channel Square, River Park, Carrolsburg (1250 4th Street, 300 M Street and 240 M Street), Carrolsburg Townhouses, and St. James.

District 4: South of M Street and east of 4th to South Capital Street. Addresses include Greenleaf (201 and 203 N), Greenleaf Senior Citizens Home (1200 Delaware Avenue), James Creek, Syphax Gardens, and Tel-court and Homes on Carrolsburg Place, Half, O, P, and Streets).

Districts listed above do not include all residences but rather a sampling of them.

If you are interested in running for one of the positions and willing to make the necessary time commitment, please call Nominating Chairperson Thelma Jones at 488-3746. You may nominate yourself.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL COMES TO SOUTHWEST LIBRARY!

Starting January of this year, the Fil-Am Toastmasters Club moved its location from the DOT building on 400 7th Street to the Southwest library. Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month between 6:45 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room. The Fil-Am Club will hold its serious speech club contest on Tuesday, February 25, 1997, in the Southwest library. The Area contest will also be held in the library on Tuesday, March 11, 1997. The community and all who are interested are welcome to attend.

What is Toastmasters International? Well, Toastmasters International is an organization where individuals can improve their communication and leadership skills. Participants will benefit from a well proven and established professional communication program which consists of three (3) educational sessions.

Studies indicate that effective communicators tend to be more self confident, have great abilities in organizing their thoughts, can readily speak on various topics without much preparation, are vastly exposed to a variety of opportunities which can increase their potential to earn more money and enjoy immense personal growth.

For more information contact Quintin Wilkinson at (202) 584-3126 or just come to the regularly scheduled meetings and see for yourself!

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SWNA Meeting

The February meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, SWNA will be on Monday, February 24th at St. Matthew's Church, 3rd & M Sts. at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be "How Welfare Reform will Affect Everyone of Us in Southwest." Speakers will include Rick Bardach, Director, SW Community House.



Waterside Mall

What is going to happen to Waterside Mall as EPA moves out? Will the mall remain commercially viable for the services on which many of us in Southwest depend - the Safeway, CVS Pharmacy, NationsBank?

The amount of office space in Waterside Mall exceeds 1,000,000 sq. ft. Tenants, besides EPA, include companies which supply services to EPA. EPA has and has had approximately 4000 to 4500 employees. The GSA lease to Bresler and Reiner, Inc. (the firm that owns the buildings at Waterside Mall and leases the land from RLA), would expire in September 1997, but it is being renegotiated on a month-by-month basis. Some 80,000 sq. ft. of floor space have already been released; 200,000 sq. ft. will be released in 1998; and the remainder in 2000, when the lease expires. EPA employees will be moved to the new Ronald Reagan (Federal Triangle) Building.

Some of our concerned residents, headed by Margaret Feldman, chairman of the Mall Committee of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, met with The Bresler & Reiner Company on January 29, 1997. Charles Bresler conducted the meeting, with Sydney Bresler and Edwin Horowitz also present. Accompanying Dr. Feldman were Mary Ann Bailer, Gene Bellin, Grace Savage, Sandy Schwartz, Dick

Westbrook, and Ethel Williams.

Mr. Bresler said that he would not search for a new tenant until he knows that GSA will not have a replacement tenant for Waterside Mall. While the Government policy is to move employees out of rented space Federal agencies have been undergoing downsizing and there will probably continue to be a need for some rented space. This is according to a representative of GSA's Property Acquisition and Realty Service Division. He added that Waterside has some advantages, such as the Metro station. Parking availability is another advantage.

Some suggestions were made by committee members as to improvements which would make the mall more attractive to customers and prospective tenants: (1) improve lighting in the mall, repaint with light colors, and remove old, dirty bunting hung from the ceiling, (2) increase free parking from one to two hours. One hour is not enough even to go through the Safeway, much less include other errands in the same trip. Bresler said he will discuss this with his tenants, who will have to pay for it.

If you have suggestions as to what we as a community can do to make or keep Waterside Mall commercially viable, call Margaret Feldman at 202-554-0242.

D.C. Housing Authority

by: Carole Early

I had heard about rehabilitation efforts in public housing developments in Southwest D.C. and even witnessed some evidence of a buzz in rehab activity--crews, materials and small trucks. But to prove the fact beyond all reasonable doubt and petty rumor, I needed to see it for myself.

So off I went a couple weeks ago with Robert Firth, D.C. Housing Authority Director of Construction Management and Bill Knox, special deputy to Receive David I. Gilmore to take measure of this so-called work-in-progress.

In short, much is happening.

Cruise along I Street and the outward signs of repairs and renovations are obvious. There is the partial work done to the interior at Greenleaf Annex as well as Greenleaf Apartments.

Work is also underway on Third Street where some of the vacant houses are being converted to use by the disabled and their families. While all this is going on

I was also surprised to see landscaping as well, thanks in part to the volunteer work of architect Robert Schwartz.

Touring nearby Syphax Gardens across M Street I saw a real renewal bustle underway--new entry doors (with panic bars) going up, new walkways and stairs, automatic smoke hatches, new windows and steam cleaned exterior bricks.

My guided tour eventually took me to building #44 at Syphax. Let me tell you that if anyone thinks DCHA residents going through what the agency calls Occupied Unit Rehabilitation are getting nothing more than an exterior cosmetic job, nothing could be further from the truth.

Houses are being completely gutted, some 30 years after they were built, and are undergoing a total reconstruction--top to bottom. In addition to new walls and floors where needed, even the electricity and plumbing are being brought up to date and complying with housing codes.

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AFRICAN AMERICANS in Southwest D.C. in the 1840's and 1850's

THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

In the 1840s and '50s Southwest Washington was significantly involved in the vast, clandestine operation known as the "underground railroad"--U.R.R. During this period, hundreds of slaves used the U.R.R. to escape to the northern states and Canada. Southwest Washington became a local center of both a land and a water route in the U.R.R.

The Sixth Street Wharf was the water route station. During this period, the Reverend Anthony Bowen, a black who had purchased his freedom, was the pastor of St. Paul AME Church, then located in the present vicinity of L'Enfant Plaza. Bowen hid fleeing slaves in the church and his nearby residence until land or water transport could be arranged. Bowen's church and residence were later torn down...during the renewal of Southwest.

Donations

The staff is very grateful for the wonderful donations received this past month. Contributions help to maintain the high quality that we've seen in the paper this past year. Keep the checks coming. No matter when they are received, they are always appreciated. Thanks

THE SLAVE TRADE IN SOUTHWEST

Slave trading in the District of Columbia was not outlawed by Congress until 1850. Before that year, thousands of slaves were brought annually to the District for sale or shipment to other trading centers... Pending their sale, slaves were kept in jail-like areas known as pens. A noted slave pen of the period, known as Robey's Pen, was located on the east side of 7th St. S.W. south of Independence Ave.

Nearby, another, William's Pen stood on the southwest corner of 8th and Independence Ave. S.W. (The FAA building and Federal Office Building are in that area now).

—reprinted excerpts from *The Southwester* for 1976 and 1977. Written by Wilbur G. Hughes, with research by Nelson Rimensnyder.

so much to four who "heard the cry for the help".

We are especially grateful to Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Taylor, Ms. Coralie Farlee, Dr. Margaret Feldman, Ms. Grace Savage and one donor who would like to be anonymous.

SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(February - March 1997)

Feb 24 Monday: Southwest Neighborhood

Assembly General Meeting, 7 p.m.,
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church,
222 M Street, Southwest.

Feb 27 Thursday: NARFE D.C. Chapter 2052.

1:30 p.m., Southwest Branch Library,
Wesley Place at K Street, Southwest.

Mar 3 Monday: Southwest Neighborhood

Assembly Exec. Board, 6:30 p.m., Southeastern
University, 501 I Street, Southwest.

Mar 4 Tuesday: First District MPD Citizens

Advisory Council, 7:30 p.m., First District
Headquarters, 415 Fourth Street, Southwest.

Mar 10 Monday: Advisory Neighborhood

Commission 2D, 7:30 p.m., Westminster
Presbyterian Church, 400 I Street, S.W.

Mar 19 Wednesday: AARP SW Waterfront

Chapter 4751, Noon, St. Matthew's Lutheran
Church, 222 M Street, Southwest.

Mar 21 Friday: Southwest Neighborhood

Assembly Elections.

Mar 22 Saturday: Southwest Neighborhood

Assembly Elections (Time to be announced)
Waterside Mall.

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Please submit calendar items by the first of each
month to C.W. Hargrave, (202) 554-8284

**Scholarship Applications will be in the SW
Library for SWNA Scholarship applicants.**

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Drop off your stories and/or photos by March 8th, 1997, in the box behind the counter at the SW Library, 3rd & I SW. (Submitted photos are the property of the *Shouthwester*.) You may also mail submissions to:

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**The objective of the Southwest Neighborhood
Assembly, a.k.a. SWNA is:**

to improve the quality of life for all residents of the Southwest;
to open to every Southwest resident the wide cultural horizon
of modern urban living; to help create rich an equal social,
educational and economic opportunities for every boy and girl
of the Southwest; to assist in providing the opportunity for
gainful employment for every adult resident; to promote
development of the aesthetic potential of the Southwest. These
objectives shall be pursued without regard to the social,
economic and racial barriers that have divided cities in the past.

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A Salute to Some Special Southwesters

Rosalind Walker has been named Director of the African Museum of Art.

Delores Kendrick has just published a book, "Women of Plums."

Boy Scout Troop 300 which has been in existence for over 60 years here in SW, awarded a certificate of appreciation to SWNA.

Welcome to Robert Siegel. He is the new owner of Cap Liquor Store. Longtime owner and Southwest supporter Hal Kanter recently died of a brain tumor.

Safeway Tapes

It was announced at the SWNA Board Meeting that about \$100,000 worth of Safeway tapes for the computers in the schools has been tallied. The box is still in the library. Safeway tapes (before the cut-off date of 1/18/97) can still be donated.

Giant tapes are being collected up until March 1. Instead of dividing the tapes between three schools, the entire amount will be given to Anthony Bowen. Charles Szoradi who has been in charge of the "Tape Program" deserves special thanks.

Gettysburg College Choir

The world-famous 70 voice Gettysburg College Choir, under the direction of Dr. Kermit Finstad, begins its 1997 world tour with a concert at St. Matthew's Church, 3rd and M Streets, on Sunday, March 2nd, at 4:00 p.m.

AARP Grandparent Information Center

Grandparents raising grandchildren — ever feel as though you are in this alone? You are not. Help is as near as the telephone. To seek assistance, just call 202/434-2296 weekdays from 9:00 to 5:00.

Whether you have questions about legal issues, financial issues, childcare, medical care/insurance, schooling or psychological/emotional issues for grandchildren you get information.

The AARP Grandparent Information Center was established in September 1993 in Washington, D.C. The Center was created to provide grandparents raising their grandchildren with a place to call or write to when seeking assistance. You may contact the center at (202) 434-2296 weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. You may write to the Center at the address at the end of this section.

Center Activities:

- (1) an information and referral clearinghouse

where grandparents, service providers, and planners can obtain information, publications, and referral to available national and local resources including existing grandparent support groups and other organizations involved in grandparent caregiver issues.

(2) development of publications on the legal, social health and financial issues affecting grandparent caregivers.

(3) a public awareness educational campaign about the special problems grandparents face as the primary caregivers to their grandchildren.

(4) technical assistance to community-based grandparent groups and social service agencies that would like to work together to address the issues and unmet needs of grandparent caregivers locally.

For further information about a local "grandmother program" call Rick Bardach at the S.W. Community House, (202) 488-7210.

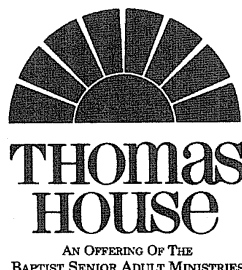
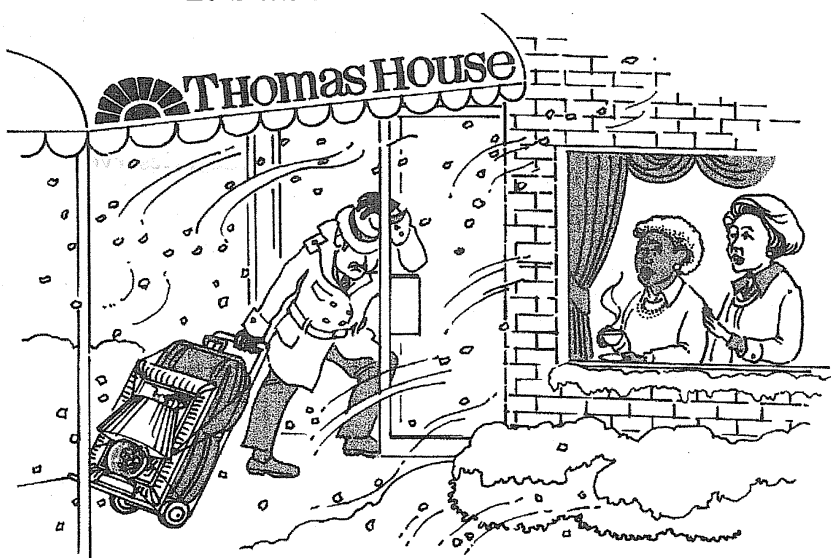
Update on Syphax School

by Marc Weiss

The Second Baptist Church and the Enterprise Foundation have put together an excellent plan for redeveloping the vacant Syphax School site into a new church in the historic original school building surrounded by new townhomes for private, affordable homeownership. They have been waiting patiently for months for the opportunity to obtain access to the inside of the bricked-up school building and to negotiate with the District of Columbia government to obtain ownership of the site. According to Mr. Dwight Reeves of the D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), who heads the DHCD task force on redeveloping

vacant school properties, the D.C. government will soon be issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) and will be holding an "open house" to show the interior of the former school. Both the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) and the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2-D) have provided support and encouragement to the work of the Second Baptist Church and the Enterprise Foundation in preparing a redevelopment proposal. In the coming weeks, the Second Baptist Church will be asking many other community organizations and civic leaders to lend their support to this vital initiative to improve our Southwest neighborhood.

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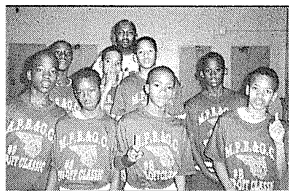
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Club 4 Basketball



Club No. 4 - 12 and under boys basketball team: (left to right)

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Second row: Dario Brown, Darnell Duncan, Chris McGray, Andre Bailey

In back: Coach Alvin Hudgens

Not shown: Darnell Stewart, Delonte' Sturgis, Alvin James

Club No. 4 - 10 and under boys basketball team: (left to right)

Front row: Devin Yeldell, George Washington, Raymond Milner, Joseph Thomas

Second row: Derrick Hines, Anthony Evans, Radford Ferguson,

Warren Gamble, Ronnie Ray, Phillip Alderman

In back: Coach Anthony Parry, Assistant coach Antwon Gillis



Club No. 4 - 16 and under boys basketball team: (left to right)

Front row: Coach Anthony Parry, Antwon Gillis, Keith Douglass, Jeffery Brawner

Second row: Carrington Mathews, Marcus Coleman, Jamal Johnson,

William Tillman, Harry Keels, Assistant coach Kevin Patterson

Not shown: John Scales, DeAunte' Toney, Rodney Stewart, Arnold Voss,

Arron Simms, Mike Hollins, Jamal Crawley



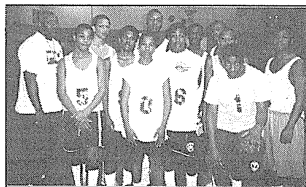
Club No. 4 - 14 and under boys basketball team (left to right)

Front row: Gualyn Williams, David Simmons, Darrell Matthews, Morell Mackey, Danzell Bussey, Ronald Hines, Jason Stokes

Second row: Coach Alvin Hudgens, Eugene Garrett, Gerald Bailey,

Gregory Head, Charlie Bell, Coach Officer Edgar Lyles

Not shown: Cedric King, Harold Crawley, Dewayne Weaver, Edward Basden, and Terrance Fisher



Southwest Youth to be Honored at Award Banquet

Earl A. Kennedy and Johnika Ginyard will be honored as outstanding members of the Club 4 Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club at a city-wide banquet at the Washington Hilton Hotel on March 1.

The award states that Earl Kennedy has shown great leadership on the football field and basketball court, while maintaining an excellent standard in education. He assists with the tutor program at Club 4 and has a 3.6 grade point average. He is an excellent around student with unlimited potential.

The award for Johnika Ginyard states: she is a 2 year member and has participated in all programs and sports, including football (defensive end) basketball and cheerleading. She enjoys assisting around the clubhouse and has maintained a 3.0 grade point average.

Women's Celebration

The month of March is designated as a special time to give recognition to women past and present who have made a difference in the life of their neighborhood, city or nation.

"A Fine and Long Tradition of Community Leadership" is the 1997 theme stated Ethel James Williams, Women's Issues Specialist, of D.C. and of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

Collaborating with the Martin Luther King Memorial Library, a special program will be held Wednesday, March 19th at 12:00 noon, at the library.

Dr. Marjorie Holloman Parker, educator, lecturer and community historian is the featured speaker. Women from the community and their friends and family are cordially invited to attend.

Housing Authority

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To move farther along in Southwest, there is James Creek—not in need of as much work as the others but getting the necessary attention nonetheless. In some of the units, new counter tops are being installed, the 'window walls' will be covered with vinyl and enclosed and missing gutters will be replaced.

One inexpensive change which has made a huge difference is the addition of 150 chained trash cans. Now the residents have somewhere to put their trash and know that the cans will be emptied.

In addition to all the work being done in Southwest, Arthur Capper townhouses in nearby southeast are also undergoing considerable renovations.

By the end of 1997 all of these renovations are expected to be finished. The next step will be to maintain all the good work being done so that the properties never again fall into such a state of disrepair. But that's a story for another time.

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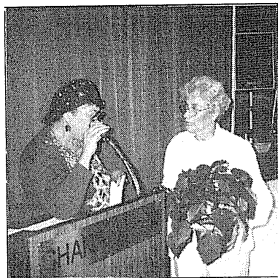
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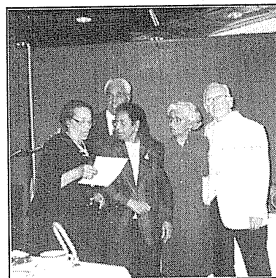
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(1) Alberta White, Coordinator, presenting Poinsettias to Mary Ann Bailer, President, 1994-1996.

(2) Newly elected officers- Vernice Howard, President; Arthuryne Taylor, 1st Vice President; Lucy Sylvester, 2nd Vice President; James Patton, Treasurer. Back- Walter Brooks, Chairman, Program Committee; Lorraine Roberts, Secretary (not shown).



S.W. Waterfront AARP Chapter 4751 Christmas Luncheon

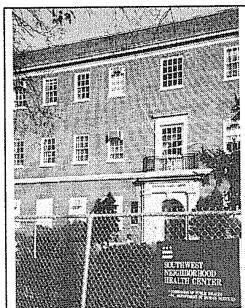
By: Alberta E. White
Chairman, Public Relations

The S.W. Waterfront AARP Chapter 4751 held its Christmas Luncheon at Pier 7 Restaurant on December 18, 1996.

Everyone brought gifts which were donated to children of Ex-Convicts EFEC (Efforts from Ex-Convicts). Neil Halliday was our Master of Ceremonies. Thomas Hawkins led us in prayer and a delicious luncheon was enjoyed by all.

William Layton entertained us with some of his poems and jokes.

A proclamation was read by June Hirsh from Councilman Jack Evans' office. Our President (1994-1996), Mary Ann Bailer, was presented an appreciation plaque by Arthuryne Taylor. Alberta Taylor. Alberta White presented poinsettias to Mary Ann in appreciation of her work. Other guests included Dr. Beryl Rice, SWNA; and Charles Hargrave, formerly ANC2D commissioner.



The Southwest
Community Health
Clinic

Mary Ann Bailer introduced our newly elected President, Vernice Howard, who introduced the newly elected officers:

Vernice Howard, President
Arthuryne Taylor, 1st Vice President
Lucy Sylvester, 2nd Vice President
Lorraine Roberts, Secretary
James Patton, Treasurer
and committee chairpersons.

Door prizes were given out. Charlotte Brooks led us in the dance "Marcarena" and a good time was had by all.

We meet on the third Wednesday of each month, 12 noon, September through May, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 222 "M" Street, S.W. In June we usually have a social activity.

We have a program each month which provides us with information that benefits all our members. Please come and join us. All are welcome.

S.W. Health Clinic

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Poisoning, Tuberculosis, Pre-Employment and Pre-Marriage Counseling; Dermatology (Fridays); and Immunizations.

The District of Columbia General Hospital has a strong tradition of service to the community that is based on a commitment to excellence in health care. With profound changes taking place in the delivery of health care services, the goal is to continue to fulfill its mission of providing comprehensive health care services to the citizens of the District, regardless of ability to pay. If you need medical help, come on over to the SW Health Clinic. They have you covered.

Initiation of Chamber Music Series at St. Augustine's Church

Though Southwest is by no means a cultural desert, there has long been an absence of live performance in our part of town, an absence which St. Augustine's Church hopes to rectify. Making use of its excellent acoustics and fine piano, the church plans to host a series of small concerts throughout the year.

Performers will include both professionals and amateurs, especially those from Southwest; performing as soloists or small groups, both instrumental and choral. Admission fees will be completely free, although donations to offset the expenses of the concerts will be requested.

Rev. John Talbott, rector of St. Augustine's is delighted. "These concerts are a great boon to both our church and our Southwest community. Not only will they bring the living arts to our doorstep free of charge, but as music has often been described as one of the voices of the Lord, it is also bringing Him to us. I am deeply appreciative of the efforts of their organizers, and wholeheartedly invite the community to join us, both as performers and as audience."

First Concert March 6

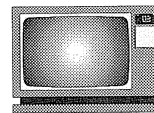
The series' first concert in this series will be Thursday evening, March 6, 1997. The musicians will be the ensemble CONTRASTS, an international group of four music professors from the Royal Conservatories of Brussels, Belgium: Kati Sebestyen, violin; Erwin Schiffer, viola; Freddy Arteel, clarinet; and Dana Protopopescu, piano. When not teaching, these four have performed throughout Europe as well as in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where they constitute the faculty of a summer workshop in chamber music. This concert will be their last of a 10-day three-state tour of the United States.

The program will consist of a number of trios for different combinations of instruments, chosen from the group's wide-ranging repertoire of baroque, classical, romantic, and contemporary music.

But this series is for many people. Performance is not restricted to professionals. Amateurs, especially Southwest residents who think they're ready to appear before an audience, are enthusiastically encouraged to apply. Call David Ehrlich, 202-484-6354, for further information.

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SATURDAY: 8:20 am and 12:10 pm.

Internet at Southwest Library

Southwest Branch of the DC Public Library is now providing access to the internet. Wanting to provide the benefits of southwest with access to the worldwide work of computers, southwest resident Paul Mond donated the computer equipment, software and internet connection to the library. With his generous donation, patrons of the Southwest Library can now use Worldwide Web to gather information and research around the world. Especially good for up-to-date specialized information, the internet can be used for finding from reading newspapers from Nigeria to find jobs in California to finding the latest information at the ever changing world of DC politics. The internet is a wonderful research tool.

Internet access at the Library is limited. The donated computers and equipment can only be used for scope/Worldwide Web access. E-mail, news groups, or chat group access is not available. The computer has a time limit of half an hour and while the needs of the Library group has provided some paper printing, all donations on plain printing paper are recited. Also the donation of internet access through Erol's internet provider can easily be made by community members. For every new subscriber who joins the Southwest Library when purchasing service, Erol's will give us one more month of access to internet. So if you are setting up the internet for your home the Library would appreciate your help. The Southwest Library is located at 920 Wesley Avenue, near the corner of Wesley and K Street, SW, and the area Safeway. The Library is open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday; and from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays. Library is closed on Fridays and Sundays. No reservations are required, internet access is on a first come first serve basis. Classes for beginners are being held the future, check future Southwesters for details.

Free Introduction to Business Ownership Seminar Offered

Washington, D.C.—The National Women's Business Center, a public-private partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Women's Business Ownership, is offering an INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS OWNERSHIP seminar. This FREE seminar is for women who are considering going into business but do not know if they have the skills required to be a successful entrepreneur.

INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS OWNERSHIP seminar will be Tuesday, February 25, 1997 from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Center, 1250 24th Street, NW, Suite 350, Washington, DC 20036. Interested women-business owners should contact the Center at (202) 466-0544, for more information and reservations.

Participants will have the opportunity to take an insider's look at what it means to run one's own business, before quitting a job or committing one's life savings. Entrepreneurial exercises will also be used to explore potential business owners' entrepreneurial skills and interests. The seminar will address such questions as "Are you meant to be an entrepreneur?" "Do you have the personality characteristics and financial resources to start and run a business?" Founded in July 1996, the National Women's Business Center (WBC), a non-profit organization, was created to provide women with the resources, training, support, and network to successfully start or expand their own business. A particular focus of the Center is advancing the business skills of all women regardless of the social or economic background. The Center achieves its mission by providing high-quality, low-cost business training for women who do or would like to start a business and by creating working opportunities for women entrepreneurs.

BOOK REVIEW

by Wallace Babington

THE MORAL INTELLIGENCE OF CHILDREN

Robert Coles

Robert Coles is recognized universally as the preeminent expert on issues related to child development and parenting. His new book, "The Moral



Author Robert Coles

"Intelligence of Children" follows up on previous publications designed to provide guidance and support for parents who want their children to grow into caring, responsible adults with a sense of morals and values that will enrich their lives. He seeks to answer a very basic question: "How to raise a moral child?" He answers this question in part with a series of stories and vignettes that illustrate his concept of child development. He gives special emphasis to the responsibility that parents bear in this effort.

THE THEATER AS DISCOVERY IN SOUTHWEST

Wallace Babington

The Arena Stage education initiative, "Theater As Discovery", now includes two features that are specifically designed to introduce Southwest young people to the unique and exciting experience of live theater. Under the direction of Arena's Education Director, Karen L. B. Evans, the program will work from two vantage points:

The Act One Program will involve Jefferson Junior High teachers and students this year in a series of events that will attempt to make the theater an unforgettable experience. The activities will include admission to plays, post-show discussions, development of study guides, teacher workshops and seminars.

The Amidon Elementary School Project will provide a variety of special theater activities for students and teachers. These include a workshop that will serve as an introduction to theater experiences; theater games and exercises; demonstrations by theater staff technicians and craftspeople who work with costumes, lights, props, etc.

Arena Stage is assisted in planning and evaluating the Theater As Discovery Program by an Education Advisory Group, the membership of which includes public school personnel, artists, educators and interested community members.

Southwest is represented on the advisory group by Ms. Barbara Kirkpatrick, a long-time Southwest resident with extensive background in education and child development and a keen interest in theater.

Southwest Arts Festival Revival

Planning has begun for the revival of a Southwest Arts Festival!

Heading the planning committee are Barbara Ehrlich, Mary Ann Bailer and Gene Harley. The date of May 18th has been chosen for this one day celebration of our southwest community and its waterfront!

Interested persons are encouraged to make contact with the planning committee chairpersons. The committee will need help with program and artistic plans as well as plans for meeting expenses and generating funds. Your chance to be a part of this exciting event is just a phone call away. Call Barbara Ehrlich at 554-2487, Mary Ann Bailer at 479-0571 or Gene Harley at (301) 441-3505, ext. 8247.

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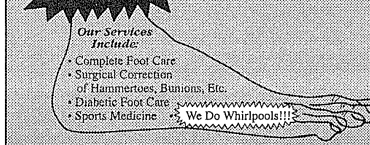
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Black and White and Red, White and Blue: Washington D.C. 1945-1954

New Exhibition Opening at The Historical Society of Washington, D.C.

A new exhibition, Black and White and Red, White and Blue: Washington, D.C. 1945-1954 explores the fabric of Washington's post-war experiences as seen through the perspectives of Washington's segregated black and white communities and as influenced by the city's defining and ruling body: the federal government.

If you only remember Hopalong Cassidy and Minute Rice, watched Miss Frances on Ding-Dong School on a tiny television screen, and wore Keds and cowboy outfits, you may have missed some of the most important aspects of post-World War II America. While the year 1950 in America has come to symbolize simpler values and family life, Washington, D.C.'s 1950 reveals the complex story under that sugary veneer.

The exhibit opens on February 23. It is open Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is free for members, \$3 for adults, and \$1.50 for seniors, students and children. The Society is located in the Heurich House Museum, 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., just one block from the Dupont Circle Station on Metro's Red Line. For further information call 202-785-2068.

Mrs. Hamer Registers to Vote

Fannie Lou Hamer, a sharecropper in Ruleville, Mississippi, told a Washington, D.C., group in 1964 about her attempts to register to vote.

I will begin from the first beginning, August 31, in 1962.

I travelled 26 miles to the county courthouse to try to register to become a first-class citizen. I was fired the 31st of August in 1962 from a plantation where I had worked as a timekeeper and a sharecropper for 18 years. My husband had worked there 30 years.

[The plantation owner] said, "Fannie Lou, you have been to the courthouse to try to register," and he said, "We are not ready for this in Mississippi."

I said, "I didn't register for you, I tried to register for myself."

He said, "We are not going to have this in Mississippi, and you will have to withdraw. I am looking for your answer, yea or nay."

I just looked. He said, "I will give you until tomorrow morning..." So I left the same night.

On the 10th of September, they fired into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tucker 16 times for me. That

same night, two girls were shot at Mr. Herman Sissel's. Also, they shot [into] Mr. Joe Maglon house. I was fired that day and haven't had a job since.

[In 1963 Hamer was arrested and beaten by state police after attending a voter-registration workshop. In 1964 she qualified to run for Congress, and her husband was immediately fired from his job. The year she headed a group of sixty black and white Mississippi delegates to the Democratic National Convention, but only she and one other delegate were seated.]

This excerpt was adapted from *Eyewitness: Living Documentary of the African American Contribution to American History*. William Loren Katz is the author.

Amidon Elementary School Up-Coming Events

National Woman's History Month Assembly - Monday, March 10, 1997 at 10:00 a.m., Theme: A Fine and Long Tradition of Community Leadership
Amidon International Festival - Wednesday, May 14, 1997 at 10 a.m., Theme: "From Hope to History - Cultural Diversity, We're part of it"

Pauline Hamlette, Principal
Marilyn Moser,
Librarian & chairperson

Amidon is proud of its students who participated in the National Essay Composition.

Tony Miles - 4th grade - 2nd place, Jessica Darby - 6th grade - 2nd place, Melony Hawkins - 6th grade - 3rd place, Trey Hall - 6th grade - 3rd place, Lindsey Brown - 5th grade - 4th place.

The first prize winner was Allen Dob. He won savings bond.

In the Second Annual Martin Luther King "I Have a Dream" Poster & Essay Contest, Amidon received 3 honorable mentions - Stanley Wang, Lindsey Brown and Jovane Washington.

And that is not all!

Amidon went on to win prizes in The 1997 "What Time Is It?" They were judged on a five minute puppet show and at least two of the puppets had to be handmade out of household and/or classroom materials. As you can see, Amidon students have been very busy in the past and they have a busy schedule in the future.

Blessing of the Fleet and Parade of Boats

The annual Blessing of the Fleet and Parade of Boats, sponsored by the Washington Waterfront Association (WWA), will be held Sunday, May 18, from 1: to 3: p.m. in the Washington Channel.

The 1996 Blessing attracted more than 150 boats from both Gangplank and the Capital Yacht Club as well as from other clubs up and down the Potomac, members of the Potomac River Yacht Club Association. Local clergy bless each motor and sail boat as they pass the reviewing stand at Gangplank Marina.

Noting that "a local festival, held in conjunction with the water activities would be a perfect mix that is possible only in Southwest Washington," WWA president Diana Mayhew hopes to encourage local organizations to develop a festival on that day, reminiscent of the Southwest Festival of the Arts that was a community fixture of the 1970s and early '80s.

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